



Proclamation

Presented to

Convoy of Hope Hawaii

WHEREAS, Convoy of Hope, a non-profit organization, was founded in 1994 with the mission of feeding millions of people in need in the United States and around the world through children's nutrition initiatives, community outreaches, disaster response and partner resourcing; and

WHEREAS, Convoy of Hope has given away more than \$227 million in food and supplies and have touched more than 42 million lives during its 16 years of service; and

WHEREAS, Convoy of Hope is a partnership made up of individuals, churches, community organizations, corporate donors and government agencies including in Hawai'i to provide help and lasting hope to people who face hardship as a result of disaster, homelessness, or disparity; and

WHEREAS, Convoy of Hope core values are love, dignity, service, excellence, integrity, advocacy, unity, support, partnership and hope, which mirror the values we share in Hawai'i such as *akahai* (kindness) and *lokahi* (unity); and

WHEREAS, Convoy of Hope is expanding its feeding initiatives to more than 88,000 children around the world by providing safe and clean drinking water, teaching community leaders agricultural techniques and by providing individuals with healthy living communities; and

WHEREAS, Convoy of Hope is considered a "first-responder" organization in disaster relief; through its notable partnerships, it was one of the first humanitarian aid groups to distribute food in Haiti after a 7.0 magnitude earthquake struck the country on January 12, 2010; and

WHEREAS, Convoy of Hope will join Hawai'i's churches, community organizations and businesses in hosting an event on July 23, 2011 at Aloha Stadium to provide food for thousands of individuals in need in our State;

THEREFORE I, NEIL ABERCROMBIE, Governor, and I, BRIAN SCHATZ, Lieutenant Governor of the State of Hawai'i, do hereby proclaim July 23, 2011 as

"CONVOY OF HOPE HAWAII DAY"

in Hawai'i and encourage the people of the Aloha State to join us in saying mahalo to the Convoy of Hope and its objective of delivering food, supplies and hope to the impoverished and suffering in Hawai'i and across the world.

DONE at the State Capitol, in the Executive Chambers, Honolulu, State of Hawai'i, this sixteenth day of May, 2011.

NEIL ABERCROMBIE
Governor, State of Hawai'i

BRIAN SCHATZ
Lt. Governor, State of Hawai'i